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*IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE*

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Applicant: William P. Van Antwerp et al.  
Title: DEC 26 2006 STABILIZING CATHETER FOR  
PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE PROTEIN DRUG DELIVERY  
Appl. No.: 10/035,831  
Appl. Filing Date: 12/28/2001  
Examiner: Laura A. BOUCHELLE  
Art Unit: 3763  
Confirmation No: 1788

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
**TRANSMITTAL**

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P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114:** (check items that apply)

a. Previously submitted:

- [ ] Please enter and consider the amendment and/or reply previously filed on \_\_\_\_.
- [ ] Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on \_\_\_\_ but not considered.
- [ ] Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply previously filed on \_\_\_\_.

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[ ] Other \_\_\_\_.

b. Enclosed are:

[ X ] Amendment/Reply.

[ ] Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).

[ ] Information Disclosure Statement.

[ ] Form PTO/SB/08 with copies of \_\_\_\_ listed reference(s).

[ ] Other .

Miscellaneous:

[ ] Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

|  | Claims as Amended | Previously Paid For | Extra Claims Present | Rate              | Fee Totals |
|--|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------|
| RCE Fee 1.17(e):                                     |                   |                     |                      | \$790.00          | \$790.00   |
| Total Claims:  | 42                | - 86                | = 0                  | x \$50.00         | \$0.00     |
| Independents   | 2                 | - 9                 | = 0                  | x \$200.00        | \$0.00     |
| First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims: |                   |                     |                      | + \$360.00        | \$0.00     |
|  |                   |                     |                      | CLAIMS FEE TOTAL: | \$790.00   |

[ X ] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

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| [ ] Extension for response filed within the first month:      | \$120.00   | 0 | \$0.00    |
| [ X ] Extension for response filed within the second month:   | \$450.00   |   | \$450.00  |
| [ ] Extension for response filed within the third month:      | \$1,020.00 |   | \$0.00    |
| [ ] Extension for response filed within the fourth month:     | \$1,590.00 |   | \$0.00    |
| [ ] Extension for response filed within the fifth month:      | \$2,160.00 |   | \$0.00    |
| EXTENSION FEE SUBTOTAL:                                       |            |   | \$450.00  |
| EXTENSION FEE ALREADY PAID:                                   | -          |   | \$0.00    |
| EXTENSION FEE TOTAL   |            |   | \$450.00  |
| CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:                               |            |   | \$1240.00 |
| [ ] Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract 1/2 of above):          |            |   | \$0.00    |
| [ ] Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) |            |   | \$0.00    |
| TOTAL FEE:  |            |   | \$1240.00 |

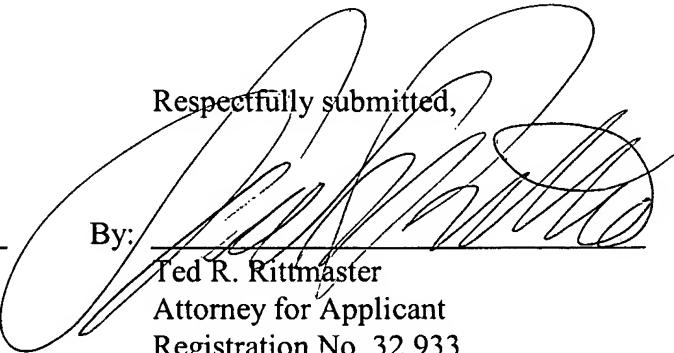
A credit card payment form in the amount of \$1240.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0872. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment form being unsigned, providing incorrect information resulting in a rejected credit card transaction, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 50-0872.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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